THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (e) At present the State Government is owner and possessor of the factory land and premises. Under the existing environmental laws remediation of the Plant site is responsibility of the State Government being possessor of the site. However, under the principle of polluter to pay the Company can be asked to pay for the expenditure. On this issue there is litigation going on in the District Court of Southern District of New York, USA. The Central Government in consultation with the State Government has given its 'No Objection Certificate' for environmental remediation of the former Union Carbide Plant premises in Bhopal and it shall be subject to monitoring and supervision of Union of India. There is another Writ Petition pending on the issue in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur. The matter is subjudice. At present there is no plan to get any help from any developed country for removal of these chemical wastes.

Increasing foodgrains allocation to States

886. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise details of allocation of foodgrains to Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Prsdesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and States of North Eastern Region from the Central pool during the last three years;

(b) whether Central Government have received any demand from various State Governments to enhance the allocation to foodgrains; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Month-wise details of allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for the respective States for the last three years is at annexure (See Appendix 203. Annexure No. 9). The allocation to these Stetes in respect of Welfare Schemes for the last three years is given in the Statement *(See* below). The allocation of foodgrains in respect of welfare schemes is made on annual basis.

(b) Some States have demanded the increase in allocation of foodgrains under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category of TPDS.

(c) The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is not demand-based. It is made on the basis of number of families identified by each State/UT subject to the population estimates of the Planning Commission as on 01.03.2000. The present scale of allocation is 35 kg per family per month for each category *viz.* Above Poverty Line (APL), Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY).

The allocation under Welfare Schemes is made by different nodal Ministries according to number of eligible beneficiaries identified by each State/UT as per the guidelines for each Welfare Scheme.

Statement

Allocation of rice and wheat under various Welfare Schemes during 2001-02 to 2003-04.

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Sl. No.	States	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
		Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
1.	Uttar Pradesh	414.78	600.61	385.70	1145.47	468.09	1114.12
2.	Madhya Pradesh	212.88	704.38	316.45	752.13	254.23	892.46
3.	Rajasthan	0.00	1336.72	0.47	2280.09	0.48	1805.04
4.	Bihar	37540	369.71	375.34	273.32	533.64	234.92
5.	Jharkhand	136.95	61.85	183.07	100.57	275.74	97.40
6.	Chhattisgarh	371.56	5.70	560.66	31.46	443.13	56.48
T.	Orissa	452.73	44.36	922.11	37.30	1030.66	0.00
8.	Assam	440.42	8.45	464.47	0.00	507.33	0.00
9.	Arunanchal Pradesh	11.33	0.57	11.63	0.19	37.39	2.24
10.	Manipur	16.76	1.03	18.84	0.00	29.75	0.00
11.	Meghaiaya	24.54	1.11	40.73	045	39.45	1.81
12.	Mizoram	10.20	1.32	13.57	9.11	15.57	8.80
13.	Nagaland	9.97	2.26	11.23	7.50	25.49	9.40
14.	Tripura	46.91	1.96	68.16	0.00	68.40	0.00
	TOTAL:	2524.43	3140.03	3372.43	4637.59	3729.35	4222.67

Starvation deaths

887. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at least 20 starvation deaths occured among the Saharia tribes in Rajasthan;